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Alberta Grits still lacking funding

POLITICS Alberta's Liberals are still dealing with financial difficulties after it let go two of its staff this week.

Liberal House Leader Laurie Blakeman says two administration workers were let go this week and both will be replaced with "eager volunteers."

"We've had to make the tough choices in time like this," said Blakeman, who confirmed the party is looking to close down its head office at 10247 — 124 St.

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"You don't get a very high percentage of the population who donates to political parties and in this province, it's been hard to convince people that they won't somehow be harmed by supporting an alternative to government."

Blakeman said the party racked up a \$64,000 debt after the last election, and it has amassed a debt around \$400,000 since 2001

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Two Poodle Toy mixes in their new temporary home at the Edmonton Humane Society shelter on 66 Street and Yellowhead Trail. The animals were rescued with dozens of other animals from a "Puppy Mill" for-profit breeding house discovered in Edmonton.

Animals seized from alleged puppy mill

Dozens of pets surrendered to humane society



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Local fails in great job bid

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More than 50 animals, many being kept in small cages inside a master bedroom of a home were seized in what the Edmonton Humane Society is calling the city's first-ever commercial breeding mill case.

"This was one of the

most horrible things I have ever seen in (any) home," said society spokeswoman Shawna Randolph, who became visibly emotional during a press conference at the shelter Thursday.

"It was heart-wrenching

... These animals were living in their own feces."

Staff first heard about the case when a citizen called about an imminent danger animals were facing in the home, said the society.

As soon as the investigation began Wednesday night, the owner surrendered the 42 small-breed dogs and 10 cats to the society and to peace officers, the society said.

Charges are pending against the owner and that could take up to six months because of the lengthy investigation, the society said

The society also released

video footage capturing images of barking chihuahuas and other small-breed dogs. Some of the small cages appeared to have five small dogs in a cage and none of the cages appeared to have water.

Randolph said one-third of the staff at the society worked until midnight gathering the animals for the home and transported them to the shelter. Randolph would not disclose where the home was located in Edmonton.

"You can tell that some of (the animals) have been there for years," Randolph said "And people have to understand that puppy mills put profit above the welfare of dogs ... in many cases, many animals are discarded."

Dr. Karen Lange, a director of veterinarian services with the society, say a majority of the animals that were found in the home were elderly and were used for breeding purposes.

"Some had really rotten

"Some had really rotten mouths and some were in extreme need of dental care," Lange said. "Some of these dogs are going to have long-term issues. Some of them are not that social."

Suncor, partner given \$1M in fines

ENVIRONMENT Suncor Energy Inc. and a contractor it hired were slapped with more than \$1 million in fines Thursday for environmental infractions at the company's northern Alberta oilsands operations.

Suncor, the nation's No. 2 oilsands producer, will pay \$675,000 for failing to install pollution control equipment at its Firebag steam-driven oilsands operation near Fort McMurray and then keeping that information from provincial environmental authorities.

The violation, which dates back to 2006 and 2007, resulted in hydrogen sulfide, which can be deadly in high enough concentrations, being released into the atmosphere, the Alberta environment ministry said.

In another case at provincial court in Fort McMurray Thursday, Suncor and its work camp operator, Compass Group Canada Ltd, were fined a combined \$400,000 after investigators found a subcontractor released partially treated wastewater into the Athabasca River between 2005 and 2007.

The subcontractor pleaded guilty to falsifying information and mismanaging the facility. The ministry said Suncor and Compass were unaware of the falsification.

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Citadel Theatre going Extinct

The Citadel Theatre gets wild with a new production directed by local director and playwright Ron Jenkins. Extinction Song tells the story of seven-year-old James who escapes to a fantasy world where he is raised by endangered wolves and must make a plan to save them. It runs until April 19. METRO EDMONTON

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East Coast flavour coming to Arden

Edmonton will get another taste of the East Coast blues with the return of Matt Andersen, left, to the Arden Theatre. The New Brunswick bluesman will be performing his trademark hybrid of blues, roots and rock on April 15 with a full band. The show is to support his first all-original CD titled Something in Between.

Acting in the Public Interest

With only days before the release of the provincial

budget, advocacy group **Public Interest Alberta** hopes to send a strong message to the government about the priorities of Albertans.

Armed with poll statistics and the support of local groups such as the Alberta Environmental Network and the Alberta

Teachers' Association, the organization launched a campaign called Invest in Albertans on Thursday to kick off Beyond Band Aids and Bailouts, a conference addressing the campaign details Friday to Sunday.

According to Bill Moore-Kilgannon, the executive director of Public Interest Alberta, the group hopes the campaign will help the government realize that the majority of Albertans are looking for it to invest in public programs and

"There are powerful interests who are going to be lobbying hard for bailouts."

Bill Moore-Kilgannon

"There are powerful interests who are going to be lobbying hard for bailouts and cuts in taxes and programs now and over the next year as the economic crisis continues," Moore-Kilgannon said. "Albertans will need to put pressure on the government to make wise choices that will address the priorities of the majority of our province's people."

The results of a poll conducted by research group Environics in March suggests that 73 per cent of those surveyed believe that investing in health care, education and other public services is more important than cutting taxes. Eightytwo per cent agree that expanding the availability and improving the quality of the post-secondary education system is one of the best ways to invest in Alberta's economy.

Based on the survey and expert opinion, Public Interest Alberta put together a list of suggested investments for the Alberta government, such as the education system, the healthcare system, poverty reduction strategies and support for community programs.

Fashionistas kick off Fashion Week

STYLE Local fashionistas helped kick off Edmonton Fashion Week at the Transalta Arts Barns Thurs-

The event features a variety of collections such as Sweet Carousel by Elise Truong, 442 McAdam by Sarah Shell, and Serendipi-ty by Kelsey McIntyre. The work of local designers as well as guests from cities such as Vancouver and Los Angeles can be seen on the runway during Fashion Week.

Fashion Week will conclude with sample sales April 11-12.

METRO EDMONTON

Liberals create hotline for budget concerns

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POLITICS Alberta's Liberals have created a hotline that will encourage people to voice their concerns over the provincial govern-ment's upcoming budget.

"Albertans should have a say in these uncertain times, and that includes the budget," said Liberal deputy

leader Laurie Blakeman. Finance Minister Iris Evans has said the province will be heading into a deficit that could be in the billions when the budget is released Tuesday.

And Blakeman said the deficit could encourage the Tories to cut services the way they did in the 1990s.

fear for the present and the future, I am worried about what they are going to do with this budget and I am sure Albertans are, and I am sure they

"They cut stupid and then they spent stupid, and now I am worried they are going to spend stupid again."

Laurie Blakeman, Grit deputy leader

would like to tell us," said Blakeman.

"They cut stupid and then they spent stupid, and now I am worried they are going to spend stupid again."

Evans said the government would be tightening its belts and every minister heard the message loud and clear.

The new Liberal hotline is 1-888-886-BUDG (2834).

People can also voice their questions and concerns at:

www.budget2009.ca.

Recruiting Hit me with your best shot



A police officer clocks the speed of slapshots at NAIT on Thursday during a hockey skills competition designed as a fun recruitment event for careers in police services.

Police arrest man for flash at school

CRIME Students at Grant MacEwan's Centre for the Arts Campus got more than they bargained for while participating in a fire drill.

A 43-year-old man is facing charges after allegedly exposing himself.

A short time later, a citizen provided police officers with enough informa-tion to locate the suspect nearby. METRO EDMONTON



Video Stephen Harper touts Canada's influence at the closing of the G20 summit at metronews.ca/

canada Blogs Style columnist Kenya Hunt features a best-dressed list as chosen by Kate Moss



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Thirty graduating U of A industrial design and visual communication students are looking toward the future. Since Tuesday, the students have been showcasing their design works in a two-week-long exhibition called "Design Plays Well With Others." METRO EDMONTON

Kwong recovering after having surgery

ERIN PENTELECHUK for Metro Edmonton

HEALTH Alberta's lieutenant governor will be out of the spotlight for at least four weeks after undergo-

ing surgery of Wednesday.

Norman Kwong will not be performing his ceremonial and social duties during his recovery period, but he will continue to complete his constitutional duties as he rests in a Calgary hospital.

Kwong went through the surgery to have a small cancerous growth removed, which was discovered through routine blood vork.

Janet Resta from the office of the lieutenant governor said that Kwong and his wife are very happy with the success of the surgery and grateful to the

team of doctors and nurses responsible for his care.

"He's in very good spirits today," she said. "His sense of humour made it through the surgery completely intact."

Resta said the Kwongs are looking forward to getting back to routine as soon as

Kwong assumed office as the 16th lieutenant governor of Alberta in January 2005

Edmontonian's dreams dashed

Local falls short in bid to get 'Greatest Job'

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An Edmonton journalism student's dream to be an island caretaker in Australia was washed away in waves Thursday after she was excluded from an exclusive shortlist.

Linda Hoang, a 19-yearold student at Grant MacEwan, was selected in the Greatest Job In The World's top 50 list among the hundreds of thousands who applied.

But she didn't make it in the contest's top 16 something that was disappointing, said Hoang, but added it was a good learning experience.

ing experience.
The final 16 candidates will be flying to Australia's Hamilton Island from May 3 to 6 for the contest's final selection process.

"It's been a really great



Nineteen-year-old Linda Hoang did not make the top 16 for the "Greatest Job In the World" contest.

experience," said Hoang. "I definitely thought that I could win and I thought that I could go to Australia for the interviews and everything.

"But being in the top 50 in the world is pretty good." Hoang said she enjoyed her time during the entire contest and it gave her ex-

contest and it gave her experience in her studies after talking with so much media and blogging. "I definitely thought that I could win and I thought that I could go to Australia for the interviews and everything. But being in the top 50 in the world is pretty good."

Linda Hoang

"Everything happens for a reason, and I guess I wasn't supposed to go to Australia this year, maybe I will do something else this year," said Hoang.

Tourism Queensland is offering up the special sixmonth position, which includes a \$150,000 AUD salary and a lavish three-bedroom home that offers stunning views of Whitsunday Island.

Police to review cop car crash

ERIN PENTELECHUK for Metro Edmonton



ROLLOVER Police will be conducting an internal review after a police car rollover on the south end of the city just after 4 a.m. Thursday.

The patrol car was headed down 50th street approaching Roper Road when the driver lost control, hit the median and the vehicle rolled. The officers were not injured.

Edmonton Police Service spokesperson Jeff Wuite said the review will be conducted in addition to the investigation underway in the FPS traffic division

the EPS traffic division. "An internal review will be conducted as well to see if the officers acted appropriately and if anything can be done to prevent this kind of incident in the future," Wuite said.

Investigators believe speed or road conditions might have played a role in the incident. The officers were not responding to a call at the time of the collision.







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Power flows through provinces

Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams is labelling as "historic" an agreement to sell electricity directly through Quebec and into the North American power grid. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada



Broadcaster tearful in court

A Toronto broadcaster cried in a St. John's, N.L., courtroom Thursday as she appeared on charges related to an air rage incident aboard an Air Canada flight. Colleen Walsh, 48, who most recently hosted the architecture and history show Structures on Rogers TV, was visibly upset as she appeared in provincial court on charges of endangering the safety of an aircraft, unlawful obstruction and using obscene language.

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LABOUR Ottawa should play a role in restructuring talks between AbitibiBowater and its lenders and help prevent the loss of up to 12,000 Canadian jobs, the company's main union said on Thursday. The Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada (CEP) accused the federal government of paying scant attention to the woes of the forestry sector.

COURTS A Hamilton jury was to deliberate Thursday in the murder trial of a man accused of endangering the lives of 11 women by recklessly exposing them to the virus that causes AIDS, CBC News Online reports. Seven became infected with HIV, two have since died of AIDS-related cancer, and four tested negative. The first-degree murder charges make this case the first of its kind in Canada.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Worst is over: Harper

\$40B planned for economy as G20 ends

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, sounding one of his cheeriest notes since the economic crisis began, said Thursday he believes the worst financial instability is over and that he expects to see more positive news in coming months.

The comments were notably upbeat, given that Harper has been warning for months that the economy would keep deteriorating amid rising joblessness and slumping production.

"The worst aspects of instability, I do believe, are behind us. Stability is different from recovery. We're seeing a significant degree of stability," he told



Prime Minster Stephen Harper speaks at a news conference after the G20 summit at the ExCel centre, in east London.

reporters at the conclusion of this week's G20 summit in London.

"I'm optimistic that, as these measures kick in, as fiscal and economic measures kick in, we'll begin to see more positive news," he said.

The Canadian government plans to spend \$40 billion over the next two years to kick-start the economy.

'Deep concern' over proposed law: Officials

women's RIGHTS Canadian officials called in Afghanistan's ambassador to express "deep concern" over a law that would make it illegal for Shiite women to refuse to have sex with their husbands.

Omar Samad, the Afghan ambassador in Ottawa, was summoned to the meeting Wednesday to hear Canadian fears that the law would "severely restrict the rights" of women.

"We have informed the Afghan government of the damaging effect that the law could have and we pointed out that across the country, Canadians are following the issue closely," the foreign affairs department said yesterday in a statement.

"Promoting and protecting human rights for all Afghans is a core element of Canada's engagement in Afghanistan. Afghans ex-

Backlash

• News of the law has sparked outcry on Parliament Hill and caused consternation among federal officials who have defended Canada's Afghan mission on the grounds that it will bring new freedoms to Afghan women. The proposed law would allegedly forbid Shiite women to leave their homes without permission of their husbands or gain custody of their children.

pect their government to promote and protect their human rights," it said.

Afghanistan's ambassador to Canada defended the progress made by women in his country after the meeting. He said the Afghan government is examining the law and will have no comment for now.

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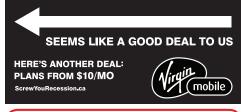
Tony Burman, the Canadian who is managing director of the Al Jazeera Network knows he's fighting against some history and stereotypes as he seeks

Application

 The Qatar-based network has applied to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, using Ethnic Channels Group, a Toronto carrier, as its sponsor.

regulatory approval to get the broadcaster's English service on Canadian airwaves.

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Italian man allegedly decapitated wife for online chatting

A man charged with slicing off his wife's head with a boxcutter told police on the island of Sicily he was jealous because she spent so much time sending messages on the Internet, Italian media reported Thursday. He allegedly told police he was convinced that his wife was cheating on him with an Internet lover. REUTERS

World



Wife ditches Mr. Clean

A German woman has divorced her husband because she was fed up with him cleaning all the time. German media reported the wife got through 15 years of marriage putting up with the man's penchant for doing household chores, tidying up and rearranging the furniture. But she ran out of patience when he knocked down and rebuilt a wall at their home when it got dirty, a judge said Thursday.

G20 seals \$1.1 trillion in aid

Measures expected to boost output by 4% by end of 2010

World leaders clinched a \$1.1-trillion US deal on Thursday to combat the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression and said financial rules would be tightened to

stop it happening again. U.S. President Barack Obama declared it a "turning point" for the world economy, even though he had won no promises for more government spending to combat a deepening world recession.

G20 leaders from the top developed and emerging economies ticked off a raft of actions on politically sensitive topics at the summit in London, such as new rules on bonuses and imposing oversight on large hedge funds and on



U.S. President Barack Obama laughs with Italy's Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, centre, and Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev as they pose for a photo at the London G20 summit yesterday.

credit-rating agencies.

Much of the \$1.1 trillion available through the International Monetary Fund and other institutions is

likely to go to struggling poorer countries, notably in eastern Europe.

The G20 said the measures taken would raise

world output by four per cent by the end of next

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N. Korea could launch missile Saturday: U.S.

ARMS North Korea's missile preparations suggest Pyongyang could launch a satellite into space as early as Saturday, an American defence official said Thursday as the U.S. military monitored the situation.

At the United Nations. Japan's UN ambassador, Yukio Takasu, said his country would request an emergency meeting of the Security Council to discuss a possible response if North Korea launched the long-range missile in the

coming days. The United States and others have threatened North Korea with punishment if they launch the long-range missile.

Pyongyang has said it will send a satellite into orbit between April 4 and 8 but the United States, South Korea and Japan say the launch is a disguised test of the long-range Taepodong-2 missile, which is designed to carry a warhead to U.S. territory.

REUTERS

News in brief

BUDGET Both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives on Thursday approved the fiscal 2010 budget plan, which is worth trillions of dollars.

PROTEST A few hundred protesters clashed with police in the French city of Strasbourg on Thursday on the eve of a NATO summit.

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Washing away sin of creation



ver noticed how there seems to be a product for everything even stuff you did-

n't realize you needed? Five years ago, no one walked around with teeth so white they could glow in the dark. Today, 'whitening toothpaste" is everywhere, along with "whitening strips," "laser bleaching" and numerous other products that promise to brighten those pearly not-so-whites.

And how about bottled water? The water's fine to drink out of almost every tap in Canada, but companies have convinced us we

need to pay for it. That somehow, their product is better than a resource that's actually free! Creating a need and then offering up a product to meet that need is a money-grabber that's been around since the dawn of time. So at Marketplace, we call that marketing tactic "The Sin of Creation.'

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On the web

 Tips on how to avoid marketing ploys involving soap.

cleansers — that are usually cheaper — are no longer good enough. But do you really need to spend money on new products that can cost more?

To find out, we put antibacterial soap to the test against plain old-fashioned soap. First, we tracked down some school children and swabbed their grimy hands. Then, half the kids washed with anti-bacterial soap, the

other half with the

the samples to the lab.

Our test found no benefit to using anti-bacterial soap. That's no surprise to Rolf Halden, an environmental scientist at Johns Hopkins University. Ac-cording to Halden, "there is very limited benefit, according to scientific studies."

And not only that, many health agencies are warning against using anti-bacterial products, because they could lead to dangerous bacterial resistance. But you won't see that listed on any label.

So next time you feel the sudden urge to buy a "new and improved" product, reflect a moment before you reach into your wallet. Maybe you can avoid becoming a target of "The Sin of Creation.

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday night at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.



Worth mentioning

Small islands urge deep CO₂ cuts, fear rising seas

ENVIRONMENT Small island states have sharpened their calls for the rich to make deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, saying low-lying atolls risk being washed off the map by rising ocean lev-

An alliance of 43 island states, backed by more than a dozen nations in Africa and Latin America, urged developed countries at UN climate talks in Bonn Thursday to cut Flood greenhouse emissions by

"at least 45 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020."

"The scientific findings about climate change are frightening," M.J. Mace, a legal adviser to the Federated States of Micronesia who presented the demands at the meeting, told Reuters.

A group of leading researchers last month projected a quickening pace of sea level rise this century, of about a metre, or roughly double the projections by the UN Climate Panel in

The small islands had called at a UN climate meeting in Poznan, Poland, in December 2008 for cuts of "more than 40 per cent" in industrialized nations' emissions by 2020. "Why would

small island states be happy with a level of ambition that is going to destroy their countries?" Mace said. The highest points of some Pacific, Caribbean or Indian Ocean states are only a few metres above sea level.

REUTERS

Views

The mythical well-run city of Edmonton



Edmonton's website is full of amusing stories. I'm not being in the least bit sarcastic. The information it contains can really make you laugh.

An October 2008 posting about the 2009 budget states: "According to the annual Citizen Satisfaction Survey of 800 Edmontonians, 73 per cent say they are satisfied with city services and 89 per cent rate their quality of life as good and excellent."

That statement should at least make you smile. I'm not surprised that 89 per cent rate their quality of life between good and excellent. The survey was conducted in 2008 and things seemed pretty good all round until the mid-part of the year. What made me chuckle though was the realization that, somehow or other, the city poobahs think that they are major contributors to that positive quality of life rating.

I would have thought that having a job, being healthy and having more money are far greater determinants of quality of life than the city's real or imagined efforts to run this city well. Then again, maybe I'm wrong. Maybe most people do rate their quality of life based on emergency, transit, and pet services as the posting im-

plies. Who'da thunk it? What made me laugh out loud, however, was the assertion that 73 per cent of those surveyed are satisfied with city services. That "What made me laugh out loud, however, was the assertion that 73 per cent of those surveyed are satisfied with city services. That doesn't match up with comments from the Edmontonians I know."

doesn't match up with comments from the Edmontonians I know. Maybe I know a lot of negative people, but they are unhappy with road clearing in the winter, sidewalk repair, road mainte-nance, and their ever-increasing civic tax bill. But stats are stats. Or are they?

You might have noticed that the posting talks about a survey of Edmontonians, not a survey of home owners. The survey appears to include renters as well. Home owners see a tax bill each year and renters do not. Home owners who receive a \$2,000 tax bill and then get stuck on an uncleared street are probably not as satisfied as the city would like to make out. When their taxes go up again next year, I suspect they will be even less satis-

So the next time vou're in need of some amusement, look around the city's website. It's full of humorous stories about a mythical well-run city called Edmonton. And as the budget posting illustrates, you can also find amazing fairy tales to

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Disney buys Kaboose websites for \$18.4 million

Disney boosted its ability to attract Internet-surfing parents of small children by purchasing the U.S. assets of Canadian company Kaboose, paying about \$18.4 million for sites like Kaboose.com, Babyzone.com, AmazingMoms.com, Funschool.com, Zeeks.com and ParentZone.com. REUTERS

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Optimism lifts stocks, oil

Investors react positively to G20 plan for reviving economies

Global stocks and oil surged Thursday on opti-mism over efforts by world leaders meeting in London to revive global growth.

Toronto's main stock index shot to its highest in nearly three months. News out of the G20, which included a trillion-dollar deal to help combat the global financial crisis, sparked a surge in oil prices and opened the door for the resourceheavy TSX to record its third straight day of gains, closing up 131.32 at 9.073.14.

Oil prices rocketed up more than eight per cent above \$52 a barrel on hopes that demand will rebound after world leaders at the G20 summit agreed to pump an additional \$1.1 trillion into the global economy.

U.S stocks rallied for a third day. The Dow is now on track for its best fourweek rally since 1933.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 216.48 points, or 2.79 per cent, at 7,978.08. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index gained 23.30 points, or 2.87 per

cent, at 834.38. The Nasdaq Composite Index rose 51.03 points, or 3.29 per cent, at 1,602.63.

The upbeat tone at the G20 summit boosted investors' risk appetite by raising hopes that a co-ordinated effort would reverse the shrinking of the global economy for the first time since the Second World War. REUTERS

Watchdog takes fizz out of Coke

ADVERTISING Claims Coke will not make children fat or rot their teeth have landed Coca-Cola in trouble with Australia's consumer watchdog, which Thursday ordered the soft drink company to correct its advertising. The watchdog slammed the ads as "totally unacceptable."

Coca-Cola South Pacific ran advertising claiming Coke was "kiddy-safe."

Moss **Model store opening**



Model Kate Moss poses with British retailer Sir Philip Green at the opening of the first Topshop and Topman clothing store in New York Thursday. Britain's trendy mass-market fashion retailer could eventually have about 15 stores in the United States, said its billionaire owner Green.

Bombardier cuts jobs as demand for jets plunges

AEROSPACE Bombardier Inc. reported a better-thanexpected quarterly profit Thursday, but said it would cut another 3,000 jobs and scale back production of its business jets this year due to dwindling orders.

The job cuts will take place at facilities in Canada, the United States, Mexico and Northern Ireland by the end of 2009, it said.

The job losses are in addition to the 1.360 lavoffs announced Feb. 5. Demand for business planes deteriorated rapidly in the last six months of 2008 and the company now expects to deliver 25 per cent fewer business planes this year.

Bombardier said net income rose 42 per cent to \$309 million in the fourth quarter from \$218 million a year earlier.

RELITERS

Leaders target tax havens

SUMMIT G20 leaders, seeking at a summit to toughen regulation of financial markets, agreed Thursday blacklists of tax havens should be published in the

near future.
"There will be a white, grey and black list (of tax havens) referring to those who have signed up to OECD rules on informa-tion sharing, those who have signed up, but not yet applied them and those who are in the clear," said a European diplomat.



REUTERS

Cutler traded to Bears

Quarterback Jay Cutler got his wish Thursday as the Denver Broncos traded him to the Chicago Bears for Kyle Orton and draft picks. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Sharks sink Oilers





THE SKINNY: The Oilers' fading playoff hopes took yet another hit as they continued to stagger down the stretch with their sixth loss in the last seven games, courtesy of the Sharks. They've lost four straight games at Rexall Place, including the first three on this homestand.

THE QUOTE: "You've got to take the shackles off and play the game aggressively," coach Craig MacTavish said of his team's failure to generate offence. "That's our mindset. We've been guilty the last couple games of being too much of a counter-punch team."

THE BIG PLAY: Already up 1-0, the Sharks took a 2-0 lead 8:22 into the second period when defenceman Dan Boyle jumped up from the point on a power play and banged Joe Pavelski's rebound past

UNHAPPY HOME: The term "home-ice advantage" doesn't apply to the Oilers. With this



San Jose Shark Jonathan Cheechoo and Edmonton Oilers goalie Dwayne Roloson keep their eye on the loose puck Thursday.

loss they're 16-16-6 for 38 points at home. They've got more wins, 20, and points, 43, on the road.

SAM SCORES: Sam Gagner ended a six-game goalless drought when he took a Robert Nilsson pass and snapped a shot that tipped off Christian Ehrhoff's stick past Evgeni Nabokov to cut San Jose's lead to 2-1 at 18:18 of the second period.

THE NEXT GAME: The Oilers host the Vancouver Canucks Saturday.

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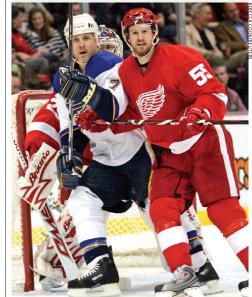
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Canada opens Gold Cup vs. Jamaica

Canada will open play at the Gold Cup soccer tournament July 3 against Jamaica in Los Angeles. The Canadian men will continue their Group A schedule with games against El Salvador on July 7 at Crew Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, and Costa Rica on July 10 in Miami. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports in brief

NHL Colorado Avalanche forward and former Oiler captain Ryan Smyth will miss the remainder of the season after suffering a fractured right hand Wednesday. Smyth is the team's leading scorer with 59 points this season.

NHL Tampa Bay centre Vincent Lecavalier will have right wrist surgery today, effectively ending his season. Lecavalier was originally slated to undergo the surgery last summer, but a shoulder injury pushed it back. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Carrying on the legacy

The Anvil's daughter ready for Wrestlemania 25

PERRY LEFKO for Metro Canada



Natalie Neidhart is looking forward to making wrestling history.

Neidhart, who is known in the World Wrestling Entertainment as Natalya, will participate Sunday in Houston in Wrestlemania 25 in a 25 Divas Battle Royal. It's a dream come true for the 26-year-old Calgary native, who is the daughter of Jim (The Anvil) Neidhart, who, with brother-inlaw Bret (The Hitman) Hart wrestled as the high-profile tag-team duo The Hart Foundation in the mid-80s and early '90s.

At Wrestlemania 2, Neidhart and Hart wrestled individually in a Battle Royal and were the last ones eliminated by the winner, Andre The Giant.

Natalie is the only third generation diva wrestling. She is also the only female wrestler from the Hart clan — considered the first family of wrestling — to actually compete in the ring. She learned to wrestle in the home of her maternal grandfather, the

late Stu Hart, who raised eight sons. all of whom wrestled, and four daughters, all of whom married

wrestlers. Two years ago, the WWE signed Natalie to a contract.

"This is a huge, huge honour for me

to be a part of this, but it's actually history in the making itself, and being from Canada and representing my family and blazing my own trail, it's fascinating," she said in a telephone interview.

"I may sound like (I'm) tooting my own horn, but sometimes I can't even believe that I'm doing it my-

"There's a lot of depth to it — the fact I work for the WWE and the fact I'm representing my family and that we have such a long, long history with World Wrestling En-

tertainment and that I get to be a part of this amazing, amazing event

such a cool match with divas

from

the past and

present, it's

"There's a lot of good that can come from it

Natalie has started to embrace the colour pink as part of her look and persona, a throwback to the days of the Hart Foundation.

"I just felt pink was right for me," she said. "I was trying to do other colours, but it's like going back to my roots by going back to the pink and black. It suits me and it fits, and when you're the most comfortable in what you wear when you go into the ring, you feel at ease.

"I feel like a little part of me always wants to pay homage to my family. It may sound arrogant, but I believe my family was the best in the world and I feel like I'm carrying on a piece of their legacy and I think about that all the time.

"Every time I step foot in the ring, I think about my family, and to wear a bit of the pink I'm kind of nodding my head to them.

"For me it's a huge honour, but I feel like Natalva has her own shade of pink and I'm kind of ready to let it run wild."

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ito Gaston slams (lemens

Before any of Roger Clemens' recent travails, **Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston considered** Clemens a jerk.

Gaston's feelings surfaced yesterday when asked what he thought of a new book The Rocket That Fell to Earth, in which author Jeff Pearlman that hints Clemens, who arrived in Toronto the same season the Jays replaced Gaston as manager, influenced the

club to fire Gaston in 1997. "He's an a**hole himself.

A complete a**hole," Gaston said with a chuckle. For the next five minutes

Gaston, who is starting his first full season in his second stint as Jays' manager detailed the strained relationship with the star pitcher, who had signed with the Jays before the 1997 season.

The Jays asked Gaston to resign with five games remaining in the 1997 season.

"One of us would have had an ass whuppin' that day."

Cito Gaston

"He wouldn't (confront me)," Gaston said.
"One of us would have

had an ass whuppin' that day," Gaston said. "It might have been me, but he still would have known I was there." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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According to Billy Ray Cyrus, there would be no Hannah Montana without Canada. While watching a theatre show in Toronto, Miley Cyrus leaned over to her father and said, "This is what I want to do." Years later, Hannah Montana: The Movie is born.



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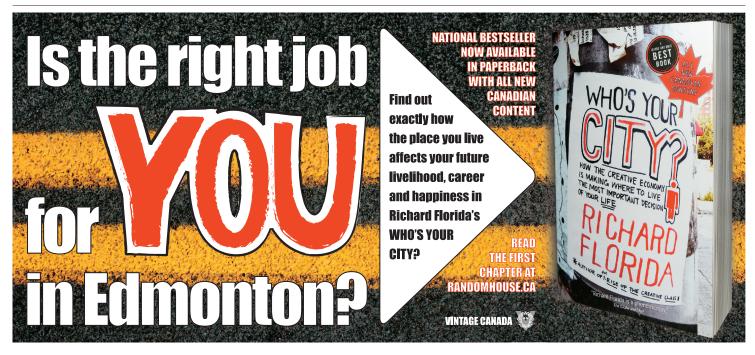


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Genie Awards show puts national talent on parade.



Miley compared to Judy Garland

Hannah Montana: The Movie director Peter Chelsom has compared Miley Cyrus to screen legend Judy Garland. The director claims he was "blown away" the first time he saw the teen superstar. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Hannah's Canada connection

Dad says Toronto stint fuelled Miley's showbiz dreams

Movie **feature**

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada



According to Billy Ray Cyrus, there would be no Hannah Montana without Canada.

"That's the reason we're all here," said the musician-turned-actor about the success of his daughter Miley and her hit TV seriesturned-movie, Hannah Montana — in theatres next Friday. "If it weren't for our Toronto, Canada, roots, I don't think any of this would be going on right now."

Cyrus spent four years in Toronto shooting Doc, a television drama. It was where young Miley would get a feel for the film set and where she, during a production of Mamma Mia! at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, revealed her showbiz



Billy Ray Cyrus and Miley Cyrus in Hannah Montana: The Movie.

intentions to her dad.

"I specifically remember Miley leaning over to me, (and saying), 'This is what I want to do,'" said Cyrus. "She started taking classes the next week."

Since then, Miley has become a huge star with hit albums, movies and even a bestselling memoir. The incredible success may be a baffling phenomenon to anyone out of adolescence,

but it can surely be attributed to the popularity of Hannah Montana.

"One of the realisms about the film and the magic of Hannah Montana is that Miley is undeniably the one and only Miley — that's just who she is," said Cyrus, who also plays her proud papa on screen.

"Part of what's going on with the phenomenon of Hannah Montana, and particularly this movie, is there's a realism that every kid can relate to."

The story of a quiet country girl who leads a doublelife as a crowd-chased pop sensation, Hannah Montana also cuts dangerously close to the truth. Cyrus recalls having to move houses when fans began showing up asking for Hannah.

"It was a really crazy, crazy time period," admits Cyrus, before pointing out its similarities to his own skyrocket to stardom in the '90s with the overnight hit, Achy Breaky Heart.

"That was an incredible run of momentum and I felt that same momentum coming with Hannah Montana; although at this stage of the game, it feels like this has been four years building.

"I think I'm going to be fortunate enough to get to do it twice."

It's big, it's loud, it's Fast

Fast & Furious

Director: Justin Lin
Stars: Vin Diesel, Paul Walker
Classification: STC
Rating: ***

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ast & Furious

REVIEW Fast & Furious opens up with an absolutely spectacular (and spectacularly

dumb) bit of precredits action outrage featuring a failed oil tanker hijacking that climaxes with Vin Diesel gunning it into the side of a spiralling, Vin Diesel flaming rig.

And that's really all you need to know about this sequel, the fourth in the

long-running and popular franchise: It's big, it's loud, it fetishizes its hulking, turtle-faced star and is loaded with revving motors and sleek, sexy chrome.

Diesel reprises the role he essayed in the first instalment, 2001's The Fast and the Furious, of Dominick Torretto, the carracing criminal warrior who lives by a samurai-esque code of the road.

Paul Walker, whose screen presence equates that of a blue-eyed plank of wood, also returns as the undercover FBI agent

undercover FBI agent
sworn to bring
down the carcrushing criminals
that freely maraud
through the
streets of L.A.

These two former antagonists are thrust together again to track down the Mexican

drug lord responsible for the death of Torretto's girlfriend Letty (Michelle Rodriguez, also returning ... briefly).

Fast & Furious is a fun, straight-up, straight-faced genre flick that, most importantly, fully understands its audience.





Pitt, Inglourious Basterds up for Cannes

Brad Pitt is going to Cannes — and means to win. The star's Second World War action film, the intentionally misspelled Inglourious Basterds, has been invited to the Cannes Film Festival from May 13-24, along with the film's director, Variety reports. PEOPLE.COM

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Rogen courts danger

Movie **feature**

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film, Observe and Report.
Rogen plays Ronnie Barnhardt, a loose-cannon, bipolar security guard obsessed with protecting his mall patrons and, by extension, society as a whole. Ronnie launches a crusade to bring a serial flasher to justice that puts him at odds with a local police detective, played by Ray Liotta.

But while Ronnie takes his pursuit of justice almost too seriously, Rogen didn't approach the film as a drama.

"In my head it was all very funny," he says. "The more serious and crazy it was, the funnier I thought



Seth Rogen plays a mall security quard in Observe and Report.

adult material. Rogen most

recently hit theatres as part

of the voice cast for Mon-

sters vs. Aliens, a far cry

from Observe and Report.

people are allowing me to

do this," Rogen says. "I'm kind of shocked that I've

gotten away with it, that I

can do a movie that has

been described as trans-

gressive and another that's

a delightful family romp."

to put it. Observe and Re-

port lays

Transgressive is one way

on intense

"I'm very thankful that

it was after the take."

But he did pack on the pounds to prepare for the part. "It seemed like it would be funny, the bigger Ronnie was, the less physically capable he looked. Because the joke is, he actually is pretty dangerous," said Rogen, who has since slimmed down in preparation for next year's The Green Hornet.

In a short time, the comic actor has built a reputation for being able to move between mainstream, familyfriendly films and more amounts of violence and profanity for a comedy.

"There was a conscious decision to make this film kind of dangerous and edgy," explains writer/director Jody Hill. "There've been a lot of 'safe' comedies, where everything's a wink to the camera. I thought if you could root it in reality and then still have these crazy things go on, that it would have more impact."

Of course, the filmmaker has had to contend with the success of that other movie about a mall security guard, Paul Blart: Mall Cop, which debuted in January.

debuted in January.

"I didn't know about it until right before production," says Hill

But as far as Hill is concerned, the similarities end at the main characters' shared profession. "Rather than a broad comedy, we wanted to make a sort of character piece that you would see in the '70s," Hill says. "We were focusing more on movies like Taxi Driver and The King of Comedy."

RiP highlights copyright issue

IAN GORMELY for Metro Canada

FEATURE Leaked albums, lawsuits and an industry on its knees have been the public face in the war over intellectual property so far. But Brett Gaylor wants to change that with his film RiP: A Remix Manifesto.

The film lays out a battle between corporate forces determined to place legal bonds and a price tag on copyrighted material and an Internet movement — the copy-fighters — pushing for a free, open source approach.

Gaylor had little interest in the legal rights of ideas, but was introduced to the subject through his love of remix culture.

Through that interest, he discovered party DJ Greg Gillis who, under his stage name Girl Talk, is the living embodiment of the copyfight movement. Gillis spe-

cializes in mash-ups blending two songs together, usually the vocal of one over the music of another.

But by manipulating the copyrighted work of others, Girl Talk is breaking the law. "He's making his music by remixing the whole entire history of music," Gaylor said.

Gaylor knew converting the uninitiated meant that the film had to move beyond the debate over music and make a connection with farther-reaching intellectual property laws.

Drug companies, for instance, are loath to give up patent rights on drugs so no-name versions can be cheaply made and distributed in poor countries.

"(The debate) has been

"(The debate) has been framed as a kid stealing songs," he says, but it's a much broader debate.

"There's a whole other side to this story that you might not have thought about."



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Two months after news broke of the alleged violence between Rihanna and Chris Brown, a PSA about domestic violence starring Keira Knightley is set to debut in theatres. The two-minute clip, depicts Knightley being violently beaten by a man. PEOPLE.COM

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Actors mop

Sunshine Cleaning

Director: Christine Jeffs Stars: Amy Adams, Emily Blunt Rating: 🕮 🅮 🎕

STEVE GOW

In Sunshine Cleaning, Amy Adams and Emily Blunt star as two sisters ringing in an early mid-life crisis by starting up a lucrative business cleaning up gruesome crime-scenes

grim new HBO series, but instead this comic-drama takes a light and charming look at a broken family just trying to make ends meet.

While single mom Rose (Adams) deals with an extramarital affair and a son who has an odd fetish for licking everything from aquariums to his teacher's leg, Norah (Blunt) is a mope who can't seem to get over her mother's death. To top it off, their dad (Alan Arkin basically reprising his Little Miss

Sunshine role) is constantly engaging in zany business ventures.

For Adams, this may be as subversive as we've seen the actress. Considering her past roles (like the naïve nun from Doubt or a ditzy fairytale princess in Enchanted), that's not really saying much however. Still, she proves herself with a powerfully nuanced, and empathetic performance.

Besides, acting is where Sunshine Cleaning really exceeds. Written by firsttimer Megan Holley (the



Amy Adams, left, and Emily Blunt star in Sunshine Cleaning

film got discovered in a 2003 screenwriting contest), Cleaning may suffer

from a standard script that thinks it's smarter than it is, but the bleaker context and superior cast definitely helps mop up





Benicio Del Toro plays the iconic Che Guevara in Che.

Che as epic as it gets

Che, Part 1

Director: Steve Soderbergh Stars: Benicio Del Toro, Catalina Sandino Morenao Classification: STC Rating: @@@@

PHIL BROWN for Metro Canada

REVIEW Arguably the most divisive movie of the 2008 festival circuit, Che makes its Edmonton debut - but not in the format the film-

makers originally intended. While the full-version of Che is a full 4.5-hour beast, unleashed on audiences with only a brief intermission to curb the buttnumbing in other cities, the film is being shown in two parts in Edmonton.

The first part of Steven Soderbergh and Benicio Del Toro's impressive work begins playing today, while the second part will city hit theatres later this month.

Che is a biopic mercifully free of cliché, telling the story of the world's most infamous T-shirt icon in a manner befitting of his incredible achievements and tragic failures.

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The first part of the film

gives audiences the Che Guevara movie they'd expect Filmed in vibrant colours and rich monochromatic black and white, the first chapter tells the story of Guevara's triumphant involvement in the Cuban revolution.

Soderbergh's handheld cameras go deep into the jungle to show the day-today struggles Guevara encountered leading his revointercut lutionary army with faux-newsreel footage of Che's infamous speech to the UN following the vic-

It's an inspiring film that will leave the audience smiling.

Soderbergh starts shooting the second part — for those who go to see Che, Part 2 in drained colours and a less flamboyant style, making it clear from the first frame that something is very wrong. The second film fol-lows Guevera's failed attempt to bring the revolution to Bolivia, leading to a tragic finale.
The two halves of the

film play off each other wonderfully. Soderbergh expertly toys with audience expectations without ever becoming manipulative.

Full metal lineun

Paramount Pictures has released a full list of the Autobots and Decepticons in Michael Bay's upcoming sequel, Transformers: Revenge Of The Fallen. The lineup includes Optimus Prime, weapons specialist Ironhid and medic Ratchet. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

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Quebec's Lost Song skillfully composed

ost **Sona**

Director: Rodrigue Jean
Stars: Suzie LeBlanc, Patrick

Classification: 14A
Rating: •••

ADAM NAYMAN for Metro Canada



of country.

Buoyed by a slew of awards (including the best Canadian feature prize at the Toronto International Film Festival) Rodrigue Jean's Lost Song may be poised to reverse the trend, although it's hardly a commercially driven piece of filmmaking. In fact, its subject matter is actually rather taboo.

Elisabeth (Suzie LeBlanc) is an opera singer in her late thirties who has had her first child after an apparently troubled pregnancy; as the film opens, she's heading into the country with her husband (Patrick Goyette) to convalesce with the help of his mother (Ginette Morin).

The set-up suggests that the drama will revolve around a tetchy child-rearing triangle, but Elisabeth's adversary isn't her vaguely disapproving mother-in-law: It's her own post-partum depression.

The other characters keep Elisabeth at a distance, but Jean's probing camera stays close at hand, skillfully trapping us in a double bind of identification: Our concern for this obviously troubled woman is coloured by the creeping realization that her newborn baby is even more vulnerable to her mood swings than she is.

Adventureland's got heart

Adventureland

Director: Greg Mottola Stars: Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart

Classification: 14A Rating: @@@1/2

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

If, like me, you had a crappy summer job in the 1980s, Adventureland will probably touch a place in your heart. Written and directed by Greg Mottola (Superbad), this comedy follows James (Jesse Eisenberg), an aspiring scholar who is forced into working away his vacation to earn his tuition.

Unable to land anything of prominence, he reluctantly takes a gig at Adventureland, a worn-out amusement park that specializes in fetid corn dogs, fixed games, the endless sound of Falco's Rock Me Amadeus



Jesse Eisenberg and Kristen Stewart star in Adventureland.

and a bunch of summer slackers "doing the work of pathetic, lazy morons."

Among them is cute Em (Twilight's Kristen Stewart), the arcade girl that James tragically falls for — she's embroiled in a secret affair with the park's fix-it-guy (Ryan Reynolds), after all.

Although Adventureland is being pitched on Mottola's Superbad cred, this se-

On the web

• For an Adventureland trailer, and for screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies.

mi-autobiographical film is a much softer, more nostalgic love story set in the skids of Pennsylvania.

Sure, the script doesn't have the comedic gusto of his previous hit, but Mottola makes up for a more contemplative story by providing plenty of heart to characters clinging onto the final moments of immaturity.

Highlighted by clever, nuanced performances and a killer soundtrack that includes everyone from Crowded House to Hüsker Dü, Mottola captures — with the essence of hindsight — what it means to come of age in 1987.

And to think, he didn't even have to use a Milli Vanilli reference.

Gomorrah compelling

Gomorrah

Director: Matteo Garrone Classification: STC Rating: ###%

RAFAEL BRUSILOW for Metro Canada



The film traces the every-day lives of Naples' Camorra crime syndicate, an outfit by many accounts thought to be much larger than the famed Mafia of Sicily. Rather than glamorize or pronounce judgment on the Camorra and its denizens, the film instead chooses to weave together five separate but related stories and let viewers come to their own conclusions.

In Gomorrah no one is innocent, although it's hard to hold it against them as the bleak economic reality makes crime the only thing that seems to pay.

One narrative, for example, deals with a young boy who must sell out a loved one to secure a future with the gang while another chronicles a master counterfeiter who risks everything for a lucrative gig covertly helping a rival mafia.

The fly-on-the-wall narra-



A scene from the Italian mob

tive director Matteo Garrone establishes with liberal use of a hand-held camera gives the story a gritty realism devoid of the caricatured machismo so many mob movies fall back on when they have nothing meaningful left to say.

Fuerthing looks

Everything looks stripped and desolate, from pock-marked concrete slum-jungles to abandoned gas stations overgrown with foot-high weeds. Real mob life, apparently, is no picnic of luxury cars and Versace suits.

Despite the movie's quality however, it's not without some serious flaws. It's overlong, possibly by 30 minutes or more, and the story tends to be disjointed and messy.

Not content to wrap things up neatly, the film sometimes feel like a pastiche of five different movies, chopped up, shaken together and served to the viewer like a cold, mixed-up fruit salad as a main course.



Showtimes: 12:20, 3:00, 7:00, 9:30

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Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10

GARNEAU THEATRE 8712 - 109 St., 780-433-2212

Che: Part One (14A) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 2-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:20

METRO CINEMA Zeidler Hall, Citadel Theatre Complex, 9828-101 Ave., 780-425-9212, metrocinema.orq

JCVD (14A) Fri 7 Sat 9 Sun 7 Mon 9 Tue 7

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A scene from Monsters vs. Aliens, which is currently in theatres.

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Bedtime Stories (G) Fri 1:35-4:25-7:20-9:40-11:45 Sat 1:35-4:25-7:15-7:20-9:20-9:40-11:45 Sun-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:15-7:20-9:20-9:40

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The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Sat 1-4:20-7:40-11 Sun-Thu 1-4:20-7:40 Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Sat 1:25-4:10-7-9:45-12:10 Sun-Thu 1:25-4:10-7-9:45

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Inkheart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:10

Marley & Me (PG) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:20-7-9:35-12 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:20-7-9:35

The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Sat 1:55-4:35-7:05-9:25-11:30 Sun-Thu 1:55-4:35-7:05-9:25

Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30

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Billboard's top albums

1. NOW 30, Various Artists; 2. Hannah Montana: The Movie Soundtrack; 3. Twilight Soundtrack; 4. In a Perfect World..., Keri Hilson; 5. All I Ever Wanted, Kelly Clarkson. REUTERS



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Thunderheist hits the road

JASON RICHARDS for Metro Canada

One can't help but feel like Thunderheist's music

appearing in last year's critically acclaimed movie The Wrestler was destined to happen.

After all, the Toronto-based electro-rap duo's producer Grahm Zilla is the son of Olympic wrestler Gord Bertie. "I was actually conceived

in the Olympic village,' Grahm reveals, shortly before Thunderheist's Exclaim Canadian Tour, which takes them across the country between April 2nd and May 2nd.

That piece of family trivia probably added further resonance to the moment he heard Jerk It, his group's biggest single, bumping in glorious Dolby digital sound during The Wrestler's credits.

At first Grahm wasn't interested in the film, writing it off as "just some B-movie



Thunderheist's self-titled debut includes the single Jerk It, which was featured in The Wrestler.

when he heard Mickey

Rourke was involved.
"It premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival, and I was there at the time. But I didn't go see the movie," he says. "I don't know what's wrong with

me.
"But when everybody started talking about it and I heard there was all this Oscar buzz, then I got excited. But actually seeing the movie, about half-an-hour in I was shaking, like 'Oh my god, I can't believe my

song is in this movie.'
"That was probably the highlight of my musical career to date," he says.

Another highlight, then, must be when celebrity blogger Perez Hilton posted Jerk It on his website in 2007. "Our Myspace got like 30,000 hits in a couple hours," says Grahm. "I only realized the magnitude of his readership when I'm getting emails about it from my great-aunt."

From there, Jerk It spread wildfire-like through the internet, prompting a number of new fans to produce videos for the track. Seeing multiple versions of the track on YouTube was vet another surreal moment for Grahm and Thunderheist's MC, Isis.

"I can't believe it's at that point where random people are making videos for our songs," he says.

Thunderheist's sweaty, bass-heavy high-energy, bass-heavy sound has evolved quite a bit since their blogospheric breakthrough.

On their self-titled debut, Grahm has further refined his production style by "trying to make it sound less mechanical and letting the music breathe more and have a more natural feel."

On Tour

• Thunderheist plays the Starlite April 21th as part of the Exclaim! Anniversary Tour: details at exclaim.ca

As for Isis, while Jerk It found her rapping in a sultry double-time flow, the MC sings on much of the al-

"Her tastes are pretty diverse so she wants to get out of the rap box," says Grahm, "and it's good because for me, I'm way more interested in writing songs than making hip-hop instrumentals.'

Just don't expect to hear any of the vocal effect du jour, the robotic auto-tune sound favoured by T-Pain, Lil' Wayne and Kanye West, on any of the tracks.

"After the album was done, somebody was like, 'Oh man, you should have put auto-tune on all the songs," says Grahm. "I was like, 'Are you out of your mind?'

In search of Canada's best singles



n 2007, Bob Mersereau, a music writer from the Maritimes, tore the music geek blogosphere asunder as he compiled a book called The Top 100 Canadian Al-

It was an interesting exercise in cultural nationbuilding, the result of input from hundreds of people across the country as he tried to come up with the definitive list. Maybe you remember the accusations of regional, gender and era bias. At least it got us talking about Canadian music.

Mersereau is now looking for the top 100 Canadian singles of all time and he asked that I submit a top ten list as part of the process.

Honestly, though, I'd procrastinated because frankly, I didn't know where to start. Complicating matters is that I'm from the world of album rock radio where the no-tion of "singles" didn't have any real meaning for years. And to screw things up further, I've long been part of the alt-rock scene, immersed in some of the most obscure and/or leftwing stuff this country has ever produced.

But I had to submit something. Here's what I

- 1. At the Hundredth Meridian, Tragically Hip
- 2. High School Confidential, Rough Trade 3. One More Astronaut, I
- Mother Earth
- 4. Screaming Fist, The Viletones 5. Spirit of Radio, Rush
- 6. American Woman. Guess Who

- 7. Born to Be Wild, Steppenwolf
- 8. The Lines You Amend, Sloan
- 9. Echo Beach, Martha and the Muffins

10. Old Man, Neil Young From the moment I hit the "send" button, I had regrets. Why did I pick Sloan's The Lines You Amend when I really meant Underwhelmed? I hate this. I got it all wrong. I quit. If you can do better, Mersereau says to send your list directly to him at mersereaubob@gmail.com.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com







Just as ER ends its run, one of its alumni has booked a meaty new gig. Mekhi Phifer, who for six seasons walked the halls of County General as Dr. Gregory Pratt, has booked a multiple-episode appointment on Fox's Lie to Me. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Television



Kids in the Hall alumni Dave Foley will host the Genies this year.

Genies touch down

Canadian celebrities strut through Ottawa this Saturday

TRACEY TONG Metro Canada

The stars will be out in Ottawa this Saturday, but audiences from all over Canada can tune in when the best in Canadian film is celebrated at the Canada Aviation Museum.

Several hundred thou-

sand people are expected to tune into the 29th annual Genie Awards, not only to see who walked away with the hardware, but to check out the some of Canada's most recognizable celebrities who are acting as the host and presenters, said Sara Morton, CEO of the Academy of Canadian Cine-

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ma and Television.

"It's been a tremendous year," said Morton. "The slate of films nominated are quite diverse."

Although there's "no question that Canadian films face a challenge in terms of getting sufficient screen time," Morton said Canadian film is becoming increasingly well received.

"They reflect a Canadian sensibility and a Canadian sense of humour, and they can be moving, thought provoking and extremely entertaining," she said. The day before the

The day before the awards, celebrities and industry representatives will be arriving in Ottawa by VIA rail from Montreal and Toronto, said Morton.

What at-home viewers will see in the 90-minute time slot will include coverage of the red carpet cocktail event before the awards, where celebrities will be photographed and interviewed, followed by the awards and comedic

In addition to Canadian funnyman Dave Foley, who will act as host of the 2009 awards, actors Sarah Polley and Gordon Pinsent will act as presenters.

"I'm extremely honoured to host the Genie Awards, and I'm looking forward to celebrating the achievements of my fellow Canadians in Ottawa," said Foley, a Kids in the Hall alum.

"As the host, we always seek someone who is well known, Canadian and someone who is humourous and can make it a fun evening," said Morton.

Other presenters include Éveline Gélinas (Necessities of Life), Marianne Fortier (Mommy Is at the Hairdresser's), Kevin Newman from Global National and Karine Vanasse (Polytechnique).

• The 29th annual Genie Awards will be held at the Canada Aviation Museum in Ottawa Saturday. The awards will be broadcast on Global and IFC at 9 p.m.

But in April last year, We-

instein Co. said it was taking Project Runway to Life-

time in an agreement that Weinstein Co. valued at

about \$200 million over five

NBC Universal, which

owns Bravo, sued Weinstein Co., run by brothers Bob

and Harvey Weinstein, claiming NBC and Bravo had the right of first refusal

for future episodes and any

Lifetime Networks, which targets women and is

owned by Hearst Corp and

The Walt Disney Co., then counter-sued in November,

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Lifetime picks up Project Runway TV U.S. reality TV show Project Runway will air on cable one of Bravo's top-rated

shows.

TV U.S. reality TV show Project Runway will air on cable network Lifetime Television after show producer The Weinstein Co. agreed to pay NBC Universal to move the series from its Bravo cable network.

The show — where fashion designers compete for money to launch their own

Il through history the great religions have spoken to the return of a future Teacher. The Christians hope for the return of the Christ, the Buddhists look for the coming of a new Buddha. while the Muslims await the Imam Madhi, the Hindus a reincarnation of Krishna and the Jews the Messiah. How will we know Him? Surely He will ring our hearts with a message of sharing, justice and brotherhood. How can we prepare the way for Him? Each day brings opportunities, large and small, to act in favor of unity and justice. Our willingness to share will make a real difference in our world. www.shareintl.org

threatened to derail the show altogether.

"NBC Universal, The Weinstein Company and Life-

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instein Company and Lifetime have resolved their disputes. The Weinstein Company will pay NBCU for the right to move Project Runway to Lifetime," said NBC Universal, the media wing of General Electric Co, in a statement Wednesday.

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Christopher Nolan's follow-up to The Dark Knight is a still-under-wraps sci-fi action film called Inception, but he's lining up a rather spiffy cast: Marion Cotillard, Cillian Murphy and Ellen Page are all in talks to star. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

Karen O
ARTIST The charismatic frontwoman of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs is on a roll.
Her band has just released It's Blitz, an album that's garnering rave reviews from media critics that matter.
She's also scored the music for Spike Jonze's upcoming film, Where The Wild Things Are. Proof enough that when it comes to Gen Y hip-dom, she's still the reigning queen.



Virtual parties
TREND Crank up the media player and shake your little mouse, it's online party time. The phenomenon, in which someone creates a web forum where people can post homemade videos or present gag gifts to celebrate an occasion, is catching on fast. Apparently, several hundred birthday-related domains are registered each month at GoDaddy.com, a

Genies

AWARDS Canadian film industry's annual bash comes to life Saturday in Ottawa with Kids in the Hall veteran Dave Foley as host.

The Necessities of Life is the movie to watch out for — it has eight nominations including best picture and best director. Show airs on Global at 9 p.m. ET.

website that sells them for \$1.99 US and up.

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BOOK With the recession upon us and

summer around the corner, travel bugs can now turn to the original guru of budget tourism for a little advice. This book is packed with wallet-friendly tips (e.g. how to find the best airfares online), along with many other enthusiastic recommendations.



Myspace previews Neil Young

Music You're never too old to get tech-savvy. Members of the online community can now stream the Canadian rock legend's upcoming album Fork in the Road before it hits stores Tuesday.

Harper's Island

TELEVISION The premise for this chilling whodunit is simple: A group of friends and family visit the titular is land for a wedding only to find a maniacal killer in their midst and a rising body count. The production promises a new victim every week in the 13-episode thriller, which begins on Global Thursday at 10 p.m. ET.

Adventureland

FILM Superbad director Greg Mottola returns to laughs-land with the semi-autobiographical story of a college graduate's trials and tribulations in a run-of-the-mill amusement park. Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart and Ryan Reynolds star, propped by several house-of-Judd-Apatow regulars. Falco's Rock Me Amadeus underlines the soundtrack. We smell a hit.

Mix of Six

Astronomy

When: Sunday to Monday Where: Strathcona Wilderness Centre (Baseline Road and Range Road 212) One Hundred Hours of Astronomy is a free festival that is part of an international event happening to celebrate the "International Year of Astronomy." Call 780-893-9777.

Ray Bonneville

When: Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Where: Festival Place, 100 Festival Way in Sherwood Park

Ray Bonneville is a Junoaward winning musician and, lately, a regular at Sherwood Park's Festival Place.

Zoo Fashion

When: Sunday.

Where: Edmonton Valley Zoo At the Spring Fashion Show at Edmonton Valley Zoo, animals will put on different colours for different seasons. Price: \$7.25 for adults, \$5.50 for youths.

Log and Cottage Show 2009

When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Northlands Agricom
This show offers a special
appeal to consumers interested in building, remodeling or decorating a log or
timber frame home. Price:
\$12 for adults, \$6 for
youth, and kids 12 and under are free.

Edmonton Symphony

When: Sunday, 2 p.m. Where: Winspear Centre, 99 Street and 102 Ave.

Conductor William Eddins and his symphony orchestra will perform Carmina Burana. Get tickets at the Winspear Box Office.

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When asked whether there's any truth to the breakup rumours dogging Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson these days, the 22-year-old actress answered unequivocally. "Those rumours aren't true," Lohan told E! News. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Brit's courtroom drama deepens

Spears' life has gone from soap opera to spy novel. people.com reports.

Sam Lutfi's younger sister Christina testified in a Los Angeles court Wednesday that she recently snuck a cellphone to the pop star at a Beverly Hills hotel — a plan allegedly hatched by Spears herself. Spears, 27, whose phone

access is strictly limited by her father Jamie, had initially called Lufti's cellphone number in mid-Ianuary to speak with Christi-

wanted to get a hold of Sam," said Christina, 25, whose brother had once been Spears' manager. 'She wanted him to help her find a lawyer, and wanted someone to get a prepaid cellphone to her. She was scared because her father was blackmailing her with visitation rights over her kids."

Spears allegedly Christina to meet her on the fifth floor gym of the Peninsula Hotel on Ian. 16. When Christina arrived, Spears was working out

with her mother while a "She asked me, 'Will Sam bodyguard stood nearby. be able to help me?' But they met in a Christina added. sauna where Christina gave her phone, saying it was Sam from and boyfriend purse Earlier Adnan Ghalib, Wednesday, which Blair Berk. Spears then hid in

Sam), she asked if I could get him arrested, to keep The phone, howhim away from her." As for a purported recording of ever, was later disthe pop star circulating the internet in which she allegedly asks for a lawyer's

covered by Spears' security team and confiscated from her

lawyer for Jamie Spears, testified that Brit-

For more than a year, a probate court has ruled that Spears "lacks the capacity" to hire any lawyers

recording's authenticity.

help in ending her father's

legal control, Berk said the

singer repeatedly denied

she was seeking outside legal help. Berk also expressed doubt in the

The ongoing hearing is to determine whether to extend a restraining order against Lutfi, 34, whom Spears; father alleges is harassing his daughter and is conspiring to disrupt his legal control over her life.

Lutfi's attorney, Bryan Freedman, has denied his client has committed any wrongdoing. Closing arguments in the restraining order case will be heard on April 21 Lutfi is forbidden to have contact with her until then.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Miley can't even appease Obama

PEOPLE Apparently your dad being president is enough to get the Jonas Brothers to come play a private concert for you, but it's not enough to get a sneak peek at Hannah Montana: The Movie.

The film's star, Miley Cyrus, tells Access Hollywood that Malia and Sasha Obama wanted to get a look at her new movie before anyone else, but Cyrus said no. "They want me to send them a copy, so we will," Cyrus "But, like everyone else, they have to wait till April 10. Even the president.

METRO WORLD NEWS



Salma dishes on motherhood

locker.

PEOPLE Salma Hayek says waiting to have a baby made her a better femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 42-year-old ac-– who has an 18month-old daughter Valentina with husband François-Henri Pinault thinks her life experience prepared her for the trials and tribulations of parenthood.



feel that I've done enough things in life where I can appreciate the time I spend with her as my number one priority and not feel I'm missing out on something. I feel I'm a lot more patient.

"I'm a more fulfilled human being now, and I probably wouldn't have been 10 years ago. She gets a better mother for being born now."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Paris ditches money-grubbing BFF

PEOPLE Paris Hilton has apparently ditched her best friend forever, Brittany Flickinger, because Hilton believes she was just using her. Flickinger, who came out on top on the reality show Paris Hilton's My New BFF, was just "another one of these girls using Paris to get famous," a source tells Life and Style Weekly.

"They haven't spoken in two months. All that girl wanted was the free trips, the goodie bags, staying at Paris' mansion and the par-

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ties and clubs. She was desperate for mon-

In other Hilton famnews, Paris' 19vear-old brother, Barron Hilton, he's says tired

party lifestyle. "I want to be an international singer-songwriter," he tells Page Six "I'm sick of all the Hilton stuff, where all anyone cared about was whether I was doing coke in the bathroom." Barron says he's al-

so developing a reality series with Viacom documenting his at-tempt to launch his music career. "It's gonna be like The Hills, but real,' he says.

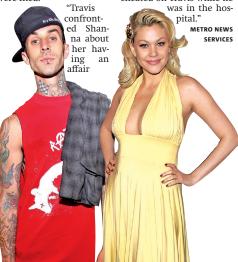
METRO WORLD NEWS

Travis, Shanna hit the skids again

RELATIONSHIPS Travis Barker and Shanna Moakler have split up - again. The couple, who reconciled a few months ago, reportedly got into such a nasty fight that the police were called, though no charges were filed.

he was in the hospital" recovering from the plane crash he survived late last year, a source tells Us Weekly. Moakler's rep confirmed: "They did break up, but Shanna never cheated on Travis while he

with Gerard Butler while



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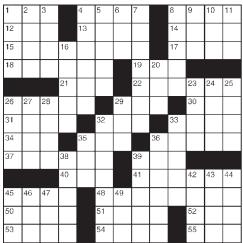
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Lemon-Glazed Flounder Fillets

INCREDIENTS:

5 large lemons 6 large fresh basil leaves 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil 1 garlic clove, minced 4 flounder fillets 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt 1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper

1/2 cup (125 ml) reducedsodium chicken broth 1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) cornstarch 2 tsp (10 ml) sugar

1. Roll 1 lemon on countertop to get juices flowing; grate zest from this lemon and squeeze iuice. Cut 3 lemons into 12 1/4-in. 0.5 cm) slices. Slice remaining lemon into 8 wedges. Make basil chiffonade: stack basil leaves and roll up tightly. Slice thinly and set aside as garnish. Heat oil in small pot over medium heat. Add garlic and cook until golden, 2 minutes. Whisk in lemon juice and remove from heat. 2. Coat grill rack or broiler pan rack with non-stick cooking spray. Preheat grill or broiler to medium. Lightly brush both sides of fish with garlic mixture

and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place 3 lemon slices on grill or broiler rack and put one flounder fillet on top. Repeat with remaining lemon slices and fish. Grill or broil without turning, until just opaque throughout, 6 minutes. Cook lemon wedges alongside until browned, 2 minutes per side.

3. Meanwhile, blend broth and cornstarch in cup until smooth. Whisk cornstarch mixture, sugar and 1/4 tsp (1 ml) lemon zest into remaining garlic mixture. Boil over medium-high heat and cook until sauce thickens, 1 minute.

4. Transfer fish to plates, lemon slices down. Spoon sauce over fish and sprinkle with basil chiffonade and remaining lemon zest. Garnish with grilled lemon wedges.

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SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
Someone lets fear keep them from talking. Be available for a cheated friend. Pay attention to warnings.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21 Sincere attention inspires fresh discussions. Someone's illness troubles you. Double check everything that you're told.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

A modest man has the guts to swear an oath. Love isn't for those who are unprepared. Don't feel sorry for yourself.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22 Instability and insecurity are somewhat unnerving. Superior routine. Fresh projects begin taking shape. self-discipline helps you fulfill a

CAPRICORN **DEC 22-JAN 20**

Remain calm in regard to social ambitions. You'll get what you believe in. Long-repressed brilliance finally bursts out.

LEO

Precious moments cheer you up. Bizarre events will force you to call friends. Something isn't working, but this will change.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18 What you did comes back to bless you. The temperature rises as a flirtation heats up. Infatuation gives some thrills and

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22 A friend has not turned his

back on you. Boredom dissipates when you discuss leadership. A manager is very exasperating.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

Someone causes mayhem with fiscal changes. Wait until en-thusiasm is higher for weekend plans. An encounter with a coward lightens the mood.

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